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CVPDC Endorses Grant For Town of Appomattox

The Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC) at its October meeting endorsed a grant of $16,500 for the Town of Appomattox to begin Step I in its Regional Sewage Project.

In order to upgrade existing sewage treatment facilities a Step I Facilities Plan must be completed to qualify for Municipal Sewage Treatment Grants. The $16,500 grant, along with a local match of $5,500 will be used to inventory the existing sewage treatment facilities, project future conditions, clarify problems, select alternatives and develop implementation mechanisms.

Step II of the planning process is for detailed engineering design and Step III is the construction grant.

With the endorsement of the CVPDC the grant application will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

A second grant application which was endorsed by the Commission was for the Appomattox County Sheriff's Dept. The amount sought in the grant is $8,100 for investigation equipment.

The grant must now be approved by the Council on Criminal Justice in Richmond.

In other action the Commission elected Carson Clements, Amherst County Board of Supervisors, as its Fiscal Year 1976 Vice-Chairman. Dr. G. Edward Calvert, Lynchburg City Councilman was elected last month to serve as FY 76 Chairman.

The Central Virginia Drug Abuse Control Plan for FY 1976-77 was adopted by the CVPDC and will now be submitted to the Division of Drug Abuse Control in Richmond.

The CVPDC is composed of the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell and the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

LONGWOOD ALUMNI PLANS SOCIAL

Longwood College Alumni Association, Appomattox Chapter would like to remind you to be sure to come to the home of Mrs. Robert Allen Sears, 300 South Church Street, on November 23rd from 3 to 5 p.m. to an informal social.

Bring your spouse/date.

Lou Rogers,
Publicity Chairman

Questions and Answers

Q. I think my mother may be eligible for supplemental security income payments, but I'm not sure about one thing. Can she own anything and still get payments?

A. A person getting supplemental security income payments can own a home and a car of reasonable value, life insurance policies worth up to $1,500, and other things — such as stocks, bonds, savings accounts, etc.—worth up to $1,500. For more information, contact any social security office.

Q. Even though I've been disabled for 5 years, I can't get monthly social security checks because I never worked at jobs covered by the program. I'm now 43. Can I buy Medicare coverage?

A. No. You have to be 65 or over to purchase Medicare coverage. Disabled people under 65 can get Medicare protection only if they've been entitled to monthly social security disability benefits for 24 consecutive months or more.

The Pastor Speaks

"And knew not until the flood came, and tok them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be....Matt.24:39

Universal was the doom, neither rich nor poor escaped: the learned and the illiterate, the admired and the abhorred, the religious and the profane, the old and the young, all sank in one common ruin. Some had doubtless ridiculed Noah. Others had threatened him for his zeal which they counted madness—where now is their boasting and hard speeches? The critic who judged Noah's work is drowned in the same sea which covers his sneering companions. Those who spoke patronizingly of the good man's fidelity to his convictions, but shared not in them, have sunk to rise no more. The flood swept them all away, and made no single exception. Even so, out of Christ, final destruction is sure to every man born of a woman, no rank, possession, or character, shall suffice to save a single soul who has not believed in the Lord Jeses. Behold this wide-spread judgement and tremble at it.

How marvelous the general apathy! They were all eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, till the awful morning dawned. There was not one wise man upon the earth out of the ark. Folly duped the whole race, folly as a self-preservation—the most foolish of all follies. Folly in doubting the most true God—the most malignant of fooleries. Strange isn't it? All men are negligent of their souls till grace gives them reason, then they leave their madness and act like rational beings, but not till then.

All were safe in the ark, no ruin entered there. From the huge elephant down to the tiny mouse all were safe. The timed hare was equally secure with the courageous lion, the helpless rabbit as safe as the big ox. All are safe in Jesus. Are you in Him?

Earnie W. Lucas:Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments By Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For November 23, 1975

Placing Others Before Self
Scripture: Genesis 43-44

Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.Phil. 2:3

If one were to write the history of Joseph from a secular standpoint, he would relate that the young Semite was brought as a slave into Egypt by Semitic traders and sold to the captain of the guard of the ruling Pharoah who belonged to a Semitic dynasty. The young slave quickly won the favor of his master, most likely a Semite also. But the wife of the captain became angry because Joseph rebuffed her advances toward the handsome young man and brought false charges against him. In consequence Joseph was imprisoned in the jail where the royal prisoners were kept. There Joseph quickly won the favor of the jailer, probably also a Semite for a Semitic Pharoah would most probably have named fellow Semites to positions which required holders of the highest dependability).

While in prison Joseph accurately interpreted dreams of the royal baker and the royal butler, who were also incarcerated there. The baker was hanged, the butler was restored to his position, as Joseph had foretold. When Pharoah two years later dreamed a dream which disturbed and puzzled him, the butler suggested that Joseph be summoned to interpret it. Joseph did so, and so impressed Pharoah with the interpretation and his counsel that he was appointed to administer the acquisition and storing of grain in preparation for the famine of which Pharoah had dreamed.

The secular historian would stress the racial kinship of Pharoah and Joseph. Undoubtedly it was a factor which helps explain why this young man was so promptly accepted by captain of the guard, jailer and Pharoah. His handsome appearance and winsome personality would be mentioned as other factors. The Scriptural historian interprets Joseph's rise to favor as God's doing. The two approaches are not contradictory. The Scriptural historians see God at work in human history, ordering the affairs of men to the working out of His purpose. We may go a step beyond God's choice of Joseph to be His agent to see God'd hand in the conquest of Egypt by the Hykson at this stage in Egyptian history. As the story of Joseph develops, God's working out of His divine purpose in human history becomes clear.

The emphasis of this lesson is not so much on God's working out His purposes as it is on human relationships. When the food supply of Canaan had been consumed because of the famine, Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize Joseph.Instead of taking revenge on them for selling him into slavery, Joseph befriended them, though he was careful not to let them realize it. His dealing swith them face to face were strictly business, though he evinced an interest in their family.

When this food had been consumed, Jacob again sent his sons to Egypt to buy more food and with them his youngest son, Benjamin. Joseph's full brother, now the father's favorite since Joseph had disappeared. Joseph had told them to bring Benjamin if they came again, or he would not see them. Here the developing character of Jacob's sons is seen. Instead of being jealous of their father's favorite, they appear to understand why Jacob has a special love for Benjamin. Certainly they respect it, and in devotion to their father want to spare him further grief - - quite a contrast to the callous disregard of how Jacob would feel when they reported Joseph's disappearance years earlier.

Jodah's plea for Benjamin's release after Benjamin had been accused of stealing Joseph's cup, offering himself to be imprisoned to spare his father grief at the loss of Rachel's other son, is a noble example of unselfishness. Jacob's grief for Joseph, their own growing maturity and their experience as fathers had given the brothers a clearer understanding of the meaning of both paternal and filial love. In a beautiful demonstration of love, Judah offered himself as Benjamin's substitute. Thus he became a type of his descendant, Jesus of Nazareth, who in love offered and gave Himself as substitute for all people everywhere.

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